

Amendments to the Drawings:

Please substitute the attached sheet (Figs. 2-4) of formal drawings for the drawings originally filed with the application. A separate Transmittal of Formal Drawings is submitted.

The drawing sheet attached in connection with the above-identified application containing figures 2, 3 and 4 is being presented as a new formal drawing sheet to be substituted for the previously submitted drawing sheet. The drawing figures 2-4 have been amended.

Generally, the reference numerals were corrected to correspond with the specification. The specific changes which have been made to figures 2, 3 and 4 are as follows:

In figure 2, reference numeral 37 was changed to reference numeral 40 and reference numerals 23, 37 and 38 were added. In figure 3, reference numeral 37 was changed to reference numeral 38, and reference numerals 23, 37 and 40 were added. In figure 4, reference numeral 38 was added.

REMARKS

Applicant respectfully requests reconsideration of the present application in view of the foregoing amendments and in view of the reasons that follow.

Claims 6 and 9 are currently being amended.

This amendment changes claims in this application. A detailed listing of all claims that are, or were, in the application, irrespective of whether the claim(s) remain under examination in the application, is presented, with an appropriate defined status identifier.

Drawings

In the drawings, the reference numerals were amended to correspond to the specification. In figure 2, reference numeral 37 was changed to reference numeral 40 and reference numerals 23, 37 and 38 were added. In figure 3, reference numeral 37 was changed to reference numeral 38, and reference numerals 23, 37 and 40 were added. In figure 4, reference numeral 38 was added. Applicant respectfully submits that no new matter has been added.

Allowable Claims

Applicant thanks the Examiner for indicating that claims 2-8 are allowable. Applicant has amended allowable claim 6 to further define the invention and to correspond with the terminology used in the specification, and the change is not related to patentability. Support for the amendment to claim 6 can be found at least on page 7 of the specification. Should the Examiner have any questions in this regard, he is requested to contact the undersigned.

Claim Rejections under 35 U.S.C. § 103

Claims 9-13 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over Ushiroji et al. in view of Bigenwald et al. In response, without agreeing or acquiescing to the rejection, Applicant amends claim 9 to include all the limitations of allowable claim 6. Claims 10-13 depend from claim 9 and are allowable for at least that reason. Thus, Applicant requests that the rejection be withdrawn and claims 9-13 be allowed.

Conclusion

After amending the claims as set forth above, claims 2-13 are now pending in this application. Applicant believes that the present application is now in condition for allowance. Favorable reconsideration of the application as amended is respectfully requested.

The Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned by telephone if it is felt that a telephone interview would advance the prosecution of the present application.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees which may be required regarding this application under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.16-1.17, or credit any overpayment, to Deposit Account No. 19-0741. Should no proper payment be enclosed herewith, as by a check being in the wrong amount, unsigned, post-dated, otherwise improper or informal or even entirely missing, the Commissioner is authorized to charge the unpaid amount to Deposit Account No. 19-0741. If any extensions of time are needed for timely acceptance of papers submitted herewith, Applicant hereby petitions for such extension under 37 C.F.R. §1.136 and authorizes payment of any such extensions fees to Deposit Account No. 19-0741.

Respectfully submitted,

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